

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 8, 2014, A.D.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, N.Y. on the 8th day of May, 2014 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary on Sunday, April 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church joyously celebrates the anniversary as a "once in a lifetime celebration of 200 years of God's faithfulness"; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church led by Pastor Rev. Abel Roy is honored to have Bishop Mark J. Webb, Upper New York Episcopal Area Resident Bishop of the United Methodist Church as the guest speaker; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church began in 1814 when circuit riders traveled by horseback from place to place, preaching and establishing new churches; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church teachings originated from John Wesley who founded Methodism in England in the 1700s; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church constructed its first church, north of Fiddler's Green, the public square in 1825; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church built a new church on the northwest corner of North Buffalo and Franklin Streets featuring beautiful stained glass windows and a parsonage next door for the minister and his family in 1863; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church installed a huge bell weighing 1315 pounds with beautiful tones that village residents enjoyed in the year 1869; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church received a magnificent pipe organ donated by Dr. Ralph E. Waite in 1908; and

WHEREAS, the Springville First United Methodist Church broke ground for a new church which is the current church, located at 474 E. Main Street in Springville in 1957. The 1869 bell, the 1908 Waite organ and the 1928 Baptismal Font were installed in the new church and still remain.

*Matthew 17:20, Jesus says "if you have faith the size of a mustard seed
nothing will be impossible for you."*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to celebrate the blessed 200th Anniversary of the Springville First United Methodist Church and the generations of faithful Methodists who worshiped there.

John J. Mills
Chairman of the Legislature of
Erie County

Scott Kroll
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County